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NX59561 Lieut. Frank RAIBOTILAM, 2/20 Australian Inf. Battalion, being duly sworn, gives the following evidence:

I became a prisoner of war at Singapore on 15 February 1942 and went with working parties into Singapore early in March 1942 with Capt. Gayden, from the same battalion.

On one occasion my party was caught with tobacco in their haversacks and in their pockets and we were told to report to the Japanese HQ at OUTRAM ROAD school next morning. I took the men down and we were brought before Lieut. Choisawa, who asked us for evidence. We told him we had no evidence and that the men had simply taken the tobacco. He sentenced the whole party to receive 25 lashes each, which were to be administered at once. I was told to take the party outside the room and I was then called in and told I must watch the proceedings. The men were brought in one at a time and thrashed across the back, from the neck down to the buttocks with riding whips. When the 25 lashes had been administered the men were grabbed by two Japanese privates, their hands were twitched together with telephone wire which was so tight that it cut into their wrists. They were then taken out and tied to a fence outside the HQ in the sun with no hats. During this time a Japanese medical officer, whose name I do not know, and Sgt. Maj. Fuji came into the room and tossed to see who would do the next belting. The Japanese medical officer lost most of the tosses so took a riding whip and went outside and lashed the men across the face while they were tied up to the fence. Three riding whips had already been used when it came to my turn I was given 25 strokes around the kidneys with the butt end of the whip handle. As a result I suffered bruised kidneys and was confined in hospital for a couple of days.

After the punishment had been administered the men were all taken away and put into a refrigeration van which was entirely without ventilation, still with their hands tied behind their backs. They were very crowded inside, and I was told to stand to attention outside and keep guard on penalty that if any man got out I would be held responsible. I remained there for about half an hour and then decided that if something was not done the men would eventually die from suffocation, so I went and saw the interpreter about the matter. I was given a slap in the face and was told that he would try and do something when the officer went out for lunch. The officer went out in about one hour's time, and the interpreter came down and told me I could open the door a foot. By this time four men had fainted and the floor of the car was just a sea of sweat. All the men were in fairly bad condition. Later in the afternoon, Major Schneider came down and the door was kept open from then on. He went down and saw the Japanese officer and we were then sent back to camp. Next day we were all forced to work irrespective of what injuries we were suffering from. On the following day we were able to get a spell for most of the troops.

On one occasion I saw a man standing outside the Japanese HQ after having been very badly assaulted. He had been put into a bath of boiling water, brought out and thrashed, then put into the bath again, and so on. He was badly burnt and subsequently lost a lot of skin. He was an Australian and a member of 2/10 Pz. Regt., but I do not know his name.

On another occasion a young Chinese boy about 13 or 14 years of age came to give us some bread from a basket he was carrying. He came over to me where I was standing a little apart from the other men, and offered me the bread. However, as we had been told that if we accepted anything from the Chinese, they would be thrashed, I waved him away. A Japanese guard, who was a member of what we called "The Black Guards" because of the piece of black netting they always wore across their eyes, came across and hit the boy behind the head with a rifle butt. He then picked him up and waited until a truck was coming along the road at a decent speed and then threw him under the wheels. The truck passed right over him and he lay in the gutter. I think he was killed because when we came out again at night he was still there.

Taken and sworn before  
me at SYDNEY

(Signed) A.J. MANSFIELD.  
Commissioner.

(Signed) F. RAMSBOTHAM.

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200 豫州軍歩兵大隊 フランク・ラムスボーン / Frank RAMSBOTHAM /  
中尉 N X 五九五六一、正式宣誓、上、如き證據ヲ提出ス  
余ハ一九四二年 / 昭和十七年 / 二月十五日「ミニガポール」ニ於テ俘  
虜ヨリ作業部隊ヲ率テ一九四二年 / 昭和十七年 /  
二月上旬 同大隊 / ガーデン / GARDEN / 大尉ト共  
ニ「ミニガポール」ニ入リ、  
或ル時、我が部隊ハ雜囊 及び「ポケット」ノ中ニ入ッテ置キ、  
ル煙草、タメニ捕ハル翌朝「アウトラム」 / OUTRAM / 路  
学校ニ在リ日本司令部ニ出頭スルヤウ云ヒ渡サレタリ。余、  
ニ等ノ部下ヲ率テ行キタルニ「フヨイサ」中尉又ハ少尉  
ノ前ニ連シテ行カレ、證據物、訊問ヲ受ケタリ。我々ハ彼ニ證  
據物ナキコト及ビコレ等ノ部下ハ軍ニ煙草ヲ取ッタルニ過ギザル  
コトヲ語リ、彼ハ部隊全員ハ各自二十五回、鞭打、刑ヲ受ク  
ク、ソレヲ直ニ執行スベキコトヲ宣告セリ。余ハ部隊ヲ室外ニ連  
レ出スヤウ云ヒ渡サレ、ソレヨリ又室ニ呼バレ、コノ経過ヲ監視ス  
ヤウ云ヒ渡サレタリ。部下ノ者ハ一回ニ一人宛、室ニ連シテ来リ、  
頸ヨリ尻ニカケ背中ヲ乘馬用鞭ヲ以テ打タレタリ。二十五回、  
鞭打ヲ執行スアリタルトキニ部下ノ者ハ二人、日本兵ニ掴モリ兩  
手ハ電話線ヲ以テ、ソレガ腕頸ニ喰ヒ込ム程緊ク縛リツケタリ。

し。彼等ハ外ニ連ナリ司令部外側、垣根ニ縛リテ、  
 憎ミヲアス太陽ニ曝セタリ。其時、問、余ハ知ラズトモ、  
 日本軍医官長森田君が室ニ入リ来リ、次ニ誰ヲ打ツ候ラスカ見  
 有、ヤニテ、日本軍医官ハ大抵ヤニニ負ケタリ来馬用鞭ヲ  
 取リテ外ヘ行キ垣根ニ連ナリ部下、顔ヲ打ツタリ。  
 余、番ニナリタリ時ハ三本、鞭ハ既ニ折レ、余ハ鞭、柄、太キ、端  
 ヲ以テ解職、同ツヲニ五回打タリタリ。其結果余ハ腎臓打傷ヲ受ケ、百  
 日間病院ニ引籠リタリ。

刑罰、執行了リテ後、部下、吾ハ已連ナリ行カニ尚ナリ、替役ニ任  
 ジタル儘、全然通風装置ナキ冷蔵貨車、中ニ入リタリ。彼等ハ  
 中ニ騒ヒノミテ、余ハ外ニ在リテ注意シ張糸ヲ以テ居テ、志ヲ違フ  
 ナル者ニモ、余ハ、妻位ヲ頂クトモ罰ヲ受ケルヤ、申シ渡サタリ。  
 余ハ約半時間其処ニ居リテ、然ル後、何カ処置ヲ講ゴザル部下者ハ  
 終ニ窒息死シテ仕舞、息ヲ改メ、コトヲ語ス為ニ通訳、所ニ行  
 キ、彼ニ面会セリ。余ハ顔ヲ平チ打タリ、將校ハ昼食ニ出テ行クベ  
 カラヤラウト云ハタリ。將校ハ約一時間内、中ニ出テ行キタリ。  
 通訳ハ降リ来テ、戸ヲ一吹開ケテ、室ヲ見トシタリ。

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ヲトキテ四人が氣絶し車、床、恰モ汗、溢り、兵、皆身体、具舎  
鏡、裏、より居る。夜午後三時、シュナイダー、少佐、降、下、来、り  
ヨリ、バニ、と云ふ名、を以て呼ぶ。彼、降、下、行、き、日本、將、校、三、會、し、し、ヨリ、我、々、收、容、  
所、迄、送、ら、れ、り。翌、日、如、何、ナル、機、會、を、受、け、居、り、し、時、に、關係、ヲ、我、々、皆、強、制、作、業、  
ヲ、受、け、ら、れ、り。ソ、ノ、翌、日、我、々、軍、隊、大、部、對、し、休、息、時、間、ヲ、得、ル、コ、ト、ヲ、得、有、  
アル、ト、云、ふ、事、が、打、た、れ、り。夜、日本、司、令、部、外、側、ニ、立、つ、て、居、ル、一、部、下、ヲ、見、有、  
彼、涕、騰、ヲ、居、ル、處、風、を、入、れ、し、バニ、引、か、せ、行、き、然、後、丹、  
風、を、入、れ、し、時、々、サ、レ、タ、ル、モ、ナ、リ。彼、ハ、ト、ウ、火、傷、ヲ、負、ひ、次、で、大、部、  
分、隊、が、入、り、居、り、彼、ハ、豫、測、人、ニ、シ、テ、野、戰、聯、隊、一、員、ナ、リ、余、  
余、ハ、ソ、ノ、名、ヲ、知、ら、ず、

又、別、折、二、年、令、十、三、ノ、十、四、位、ノ、中、國、人、少、年、が、彼、等、ヲ、帶、せ、ル、籠、  
「バニ」ヲ、云、ふ、我、々、ニ、興、へ、タ、リ。余、ハ、從、部、下、者、ヨリ、少、シ、離、レ、タ、  
ル、所、ニ、居、り、タ、ル、が、彼、余、所、ヲ、マ、ツ、テ、來、テ、余、「バニ」ヲ、興、へ、タ、リ。然、し、  
ト、モ、若、シ、我、々、が、中、國、人、ヨリ、何、カ、受、取、ル、ト、キ、ハ、サ、グ、ラ、ル、ル、ヤ、ラ、云、に、渡、サ、  
レ、テ、アル、故、手、ヲ、振、つ、て、彼、ヲ、向、へ、ニ、ヤ、リ、タ、リ。黒、イ、網、ヲ、始、終、眼、ニ、掛、  
テ、居、タ、タ、メ、我、々、が、黒、イ、燈、火、ト、叶、ニ、テ、居、タ、モ、ノ、一、人、ナル、日、本、者、  
兵、が、ヤ、ツ、テ、來、テ、ニ、男、ノ、子、後、頭、部、ヲ、小、銃、床、尾、ヲ、以、テ、打、テ、タ、リ。  
ソ、レ、ヨリ、彼、ハ、男、ノ、子、ヲ、引、攔、し、「ト、ラ、ッ、ク」が、相、當、速、度、ヲ、道、ヲ、  
走、ッ、テ、來、ル、ヲ、待、ッ、テ、居、り、ソ、レ、ヨリ、彼、ヲ、車、輪、下、ニ、投、込、メ、タ、リ。  
「ト、ラ、ッ、ク」ハ、恰、度、彼、ノ、上、ヲ、通、ッ、テ、行、き、彼、ハ、下、水、中、ニ、横、タ、ル、ヲ、居、  
タ、リ。我、々、が、夜、再、ビ、外、出、セ、レ、ト、キ、ニ、彼、ハ、未、ダ、其、處、ニ、居、リ、シ、ヲ、以、  
テ、彼、ハ、殺、サ、レ、タ、ル、ニ、思、フ。

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